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Flood Task Force begins long-range planning

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

The Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force agreed last Thursday to begin drafting the long-range recovery plan necessary to qualify flood victims for funds for federal buy-out and other mitigation options as soon as monies become available.

Meeting in Elba Thursday afternoon, the 15-member task force appointed by Gov. Fob James first

heard reports on assistance already received by both families and local governments from FEMA and SBA. Approximately 1,200 families in South Alabama have received direct financial assistance totaling more than \$1.8 million.

The status of the \$5 million special emergency disaster relief appropriation from the U.S. Congress and plans on how to best utilize these monies for the benefit of all flood victims were reviewed. The task

force has visions of using these expected funds and the more than \$1 million of state funds recently appropriated by the Alabama Legislature to restore the integrity of the levee and furnish needed relief for those outside the levee. Details of an Elba CDBG grant application of \$250,000 to buy out and move low to moderate income families were explained.

EMA Director Lee Helms announced that Gov. James continues

his strong support of the effort by agreeing Wednesday, April 29th, to assist Elba and Geneva with matching funds on the Corp of Engineers' levee improvement project already ready for the bid-leetting process.

Elba Mayor James Grimes also expressed appreciation for the cordial and positive reception task force members received at a recent Washington hearing on Alabama disaster recovery funding. Grimes

said the trip was productive largely because of genuine interest of the Alabama congressional delegation in Washington, both in the House and the Senate.

Task force members have agreed to meet with local citizens in a series of meetings to elaborate the long-range recovery plan needed to carry out the assigned objective of the task force. Added segments of the plan will be a downtown revitalization plan and support for local

Brockton council to roof old store

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council agreed Monday to allow Mayor Britt Lee to accept the "best-value-for-the-money" bid on repairs to the roof of the old Jr. Food Store. The building was recently donated to the town by its owner. The council has made no decision on future use of the building.

The council had decided during their monthly work session to go with a pitched roof in lieu of going back with the original flat roof design.

New Brockton has received \$4,500 from the State of Alabama for capital improvements to the town's properties. These monies will be applied to the cost of the roof repairs.

The mayor advised that he would inform several of the council members of the bid amounts before accepting any of them. The motion to go ahead with the project also gave the mayor the option of rejecting all the bids.

While on the subject of money, the council approved a request from the recreation board for \$2,000 from the general fund.

This amount, along with \$1,000 from the rec board, will be applied to the loan on the construction of the new ballfield in the complex.

Mayor Lee updated the council on the "road repairs" sought about the March flooding.

He told council members that the town had received an additional \$9,000 from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

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State OKs \$1.1 million for planning, upgrade

The Alabama legislature has approved funds for the City of Elba, earmarked for levee repair. The money was included in the General Fund budget passed by the legislature on the final day of the 1998 regular session. The budget was signed into law by Governor Fob James.

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County residents may apply for possible buy-out funds

Rural Coffee County residents, who are in a flood zone, may apply for a possible federal buy-out program. Coffee County Commission Chairman Robert Stephens said this week that residents who are interested should visit the Commission office in New Brockton.

Stephens explained that the county will take the information from those who are interested and apply

for the necessary federal funds to complete the buy-out.

Residents will have the option of accepting or declining an offer after appraisals have been made and they know the exact amount being offered in the buy-out. Stephens repeated that federal guidelines limit the offer of a potential buy-out to flood zone residents in nationally declared disaster areas.

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OPINION

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Elba is rebounding from the March flood and with a bang. At first the town seemed to be moving still, but possibly it is due to the influx of millions of dollars of flood insurance money which are hitting town, or maybe it is the endurance and "stick it up" attitude of Elba folks beginning to shine through. Put those two together and look out! Whatever the reason, we see more homes and businesses getting back to pre-flood standards (or better), at least two new businesses have already located in downtown Elba and several potential buyers have gotten a bit miffed over their failed efforts to buy certain pieces of downtown real estate. Add to that the emerging plans for a grocery supermarket opening within the next couple of months and it becomes time to cheer!

It has been inspiring to watch Mike and Debbie Jard and Matt Brunson as they practiced law during the day and performed flood-related work in their office. Debbie said they know firsthand that remodeling is hard work and also that slow but insistent bonding with any person who becomes the fact reason are not exactly square, etc. They did get some help from family and friends, but this trio did the vast majority of the work themselves... and they did good! Drop by for the nickel tour, but don't tell them we sent you.

On a personal note, The Elba Clipper staff is back on Buford Street after almost two months of temporary quarters! New computers are due in the last of the week. Desks and things will be added one piece at the time, mainly because yours truly wants to be sure the purchases are right and if we err, let it be on the side of caution. These ongoing equipment investments are expected to take us into retirement... whenever that might be.

The Elba United Methodist Church members are moving closer and closer to getting back in our main church building. The carpenters started this week with the remodeling work on the sanctuary. Up until now most of the work has been done by church members and other volunteers. It is amazing what mountains can be moved when people work together.

We had a short visit with Larry Grantham Friday evening. He is home after spending several weeks in a hospital. We had gone to visit him in Dothan earlier in the day but were told he had already gone home. The nice folks at the information desk tried to apologize for being home, but they were assured that their comments were the best news coming out of Dothan all week long!

A bunch of Michigan State students have been protesting a ban on drinking at a popular on-campus site used for tailgate (and drinking) parties before, after (and probably during) football games. Michigan State topped a recent national study on student alcohol related arrest. Personally, we think those kids should spend mommy's and daddy's money on education, not drinking. If they don't like the no drinking rules, just get out of that mean of school and get a job!

John M. Kimmy died early Monday morning. That man touched the lives of a whole lot of people during his long and successful medical career. He was also a great story teller. While he will be missed by many, those of us who knew him have many fond memories to cherish forever and ever.

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'Solution' causes damages

THE ELBA CLIPPER
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Dear Sir:
We live in the West End Canal Subdivision or Beaver Creek proximity. We ask your serious consideration concerning our homes and property. We are not being considered in any way, form, or fashion regarding the protection of our homes.

With the recent flood of March, 8, 1998, placed on the Beaver Creek bridge pumping water directly to our property, exacerbating an already dangerous situation. This was no "Act of God." Our subdivision was "thrown to the levee" to supposedly save other properties, which it did not.

We would ask that another "solution" be proposed other than the Beaver Creek pumping station. We are part of Elba, too; we

pay taxes like everyone else and we expect to be treated equally.

We propose that an engineer be brought in, not from this area, to look over the entire situation and offer a reasonable answer for EVERYONE, not just a selected group. If protection for everyone is not considered we will face this flood situation every few years. WE NEED A SOLUTION NOW - NO MORE PROMISES - WE NEED ACTION!

Proposes about diversion of the levee to compensate for everyone who made after the floods of 1975, 1990, 1994, and now 1998. What will these promises be kept? How many more floods will we have to endure before we see results of these promises? Where are the funds for stabilizing Elba from future floods going?

Sincerely,
BOBBY BRUNSON and
(17) folks outside the levee"

"promising ideas about the levee" that Mr. Ferrin Cox mentioned in his articles. Also I do not think Mr. Cox would find his article concerning "folks outside the levee living in tree houses" very amusing if it concerned his home.

It does not seem quite fair that the city pumped water to our property which helped cause huge holes. The city brought slab to fill this in, but the cost should be paid for by the property owner. This seems to add insult to injury.

Again, we do not think it would be an unreasonable request to bring an engineer from another area to look over the entire situation and offer a reasonable solution for everyone in Elba, including the "folks outside the levee."

Known as Long-Daniels, he legally changed his name to Long-Daniels to recognize his father, at the request of his father who was dying.

He served in the Air Force, reaching the rank of captain, and while stationed in Valdosta, Ga., earned a master's degree in public administration from Valdosta State College.

After earning his law degree from Mercer University in Macon, Ga., he went to Birmingham where he has been an attorney since 1990.

Long-Daniels taught on the Birmingham Board of Education in 1995, and is now the superintendent. He spends at least two Tuesday afternoons a month at

school board meetings and sometimes uses his own background to speak out on the need to improve schools.

The importance of an education was impressed upon Long-Daniels by an uncle and aunt, Joseph and Inez

Fowler, the Holloway, Edwards,

Moore families; Lovie Hooks,

Hanna Coleman, Lizzie McDonald,

Anna Pearl Lillard, Timmy

Thigpen, Minnie L. Thigpen,

Fannie M. Faison.

***MAY BIRTHDAYS: Mary

Nell Prince - May 8; Milton E.

Belcher - May 10; Ernestine Kelley

- May 23; Estella Williams - May

26.

***Annual Matrons' Day at Mt.

Calvary Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Elba,

Jr. J.R. Parks, pastor, will be held

May 17, at 2:30 p.m. Theme: Phil

4:13. Devotional: Mt. Calvary and

visiting officers; music: Greater

Sardis Choir; welcome and occa-

sion: Celestine Kelly; talk: Mrs.

Priscilla Kelley, Missionary presi-

dent; duet - Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie E.

Herron; Matron's Pledge - Mrs.

Lucille Edwards; challenge to

matrons - Mrs. Barbara Cole; ser-

mon - Rev. J.C. Fryer, pastor, Clay

Hill Baptist Church, Clayton, Ga.;

luncheon - Mrs. Jessie Caldwell;

mistress of ceremony - Mrs.

Ocheater Smedley.

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Round and about with Eria Belcher 897-2006

Se** Scripture: Mark 7:1-13
***Thinking of you, praying for you: J.D. Carpenter, Johnnie Daniels, Doris Waters, Rev. Freddie Flowers, the Holloway, Edwards, Moore families; Lovie Hooks, Hanna Coleman, Lizzie McDonald, Anna Pearl Lillard, Timmy Thigpen, Minnie L. Thigpen, Fannie M. Faison.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History. Monthly Motivation: People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do. Nannie Helen Burroughs, educator and Civil Rights activist.

1950, May 1 - On this day Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for her book, "Annie Allen."

1955: On May 3, Macon B. Allen becomes the first African American formally admitted to the bar in Massachusetts.

1979: On this day, May 6, Prince Hall forms the first African American Masonic Lodge in the United States.

1925: March 8: A. Phillip Randolph organizes the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters after failing to achieve integration in the American Federation of Labor.

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Colonial Bank names Clark Luverne president

Jeff Clark has been named President of Colonial Bank's Luverne office, according to an announcement by Colonial Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer R. Leon Hill of Montgomery.

Clark has 20 years banking and lending experience within the Coffee County area. He graduated from Alabama Agricultural University in 1977.

He has served on various community boards, including that of the Rotary Club of Elba. He has also served as president of the Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce for four terms.

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A special thanks to the Brooklyn churches for their support and concern.

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AREA DEATHS

DR. JOHN MASON KIMMEE JR.
Dr. John Mason Kimmee Jr., age 95, of Elba, died May 4, 1998, in the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held May 6, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home, Chapel, with Dr. Robert Paul and Rev. Marti Gray officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Dr. Kimmee was a lifetime resident of Elba and Coffee County, a member of Elba First Baptist Church, and a Navy veteran of WWII.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ida Anderson Kimmee, and a son, John Mason Kimmee III.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Andy and Dixie Kimmee, Crawfordville, Fla.; a grandson; Jim Kimmee, Atlanta, Ga.; three granddaughters: Kim Kirk, Atlanta, Ga.; Debbie Kimmee, Knoxville, Tenn.; Karen Kimmee, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.; three great-grandsons: Mason Kirk, Bradon Kirk, Connor Kirk, all of Atlanta.

DOLLY MAE MOULTRY
Mrs. Dolly Mae Moultry of Brundidge died April 18, 1998, at her home.

She was born Sept. 26, 1925, in Pensacola, Fla.; died at 73.

Funeral services were held April 25, 1998, at 1 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church, New Hope, with Rev. Henry R. Johnson officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, New Hope, with Zeta Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Agnes Wilkes, Chancellor, Troy; four daughters: Sue Russell, Griffin, Ga.; Dot Sanders, Dothan; Mary Lacey, Pensacola, Fla.; Trish Westbrook, Cleveland, Ohio; two sons: Jerry Chancellor, Troy; a sister: Annie Mae Norris, Troy; 13 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

LINDA JOYCE FLOWERS
Mrs. Linda Joyce Flowers, age 54, of Rt. 2, Troy, died May 1, 1998, at her home.

Funeral services were held May 4, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Hebron Chapel, Troy.

Survivors include four daughters: Nancy L. Key, Elsie D. Smith, Michelle A. Johnson, Vivian J. White; three sons: Eddie W. Moultrie, Randolph Moultrie, Alvin Moultrie, 22 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

WALLACE EDWARD HARDY
Mr. Wallace Edward Hardy, age 48, of Elba, died April 29, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held May 1, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home, Chapel, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Lucy Spears, New Brockton; a daughter: Delores Miller, Hartford; three sons: Roy C. Spears, Apopka, Fla.; Billy Fred Spears, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Jimmy Don Spears, Fenton, Tenn.; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

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CHURCH

Singing to raise monies for flood victims

A Benefit Gospel Concert will be held at the Elba High School auditorium Friday, June 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured musicians will be "Bob Scott & Sweet Spirit," from Mississippi; Steven Adcock and Friends; Elba; "Good News Quartet; Our Lady's Mercy's Call, Lester; Cileen; Beasley, Headland, and many others.

Admission will be \$2.00 donation at the door; children 6 and under to be admitted FREE.

There will also be an auction at intermission with homemade cakes and other items.

All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army for Elba Flood Relief.

For more information call 334-627-1378 (leave message if no answer).

Interfaith committee seeks assistance with Elba repairs

Help is still needed in Elba to assist with clean up/repairs. Work Center of Elba is available to provide assistance to elderly and others in the downtown area so residents can get back into their homes.

Anyone who can provide a work team is asked to call the Volunteer team.

Mustard Seed seniors meet

The Mustard Seed Foundation Senior Group met May 1 for fellowship, games and luncheon.

Those attending were Marje Smith, Louise Wambles, Evelyn Smith, Inez Wambles, Mattie Lou Goodson, Mary Seavey, Eavie Jirinrig, Diane Hudson, Zealon Smith, Sammie Wambles, and Sheila Haun. Visitors were Dee, Benjamin and Samuel Prince.

Those celebrating birthdays in May include Evelyn, Linda, Rusha Blame and Six Wambles.

To find out more about the

Harris Temple to host meeting

Harris Temple COGIC will host the Troy District meeting May 11, with services at 7 o'clock each evening.

A pre-musical will be held on the Monday night of the meeting.

All area churches are invited to

Pastor's Corner Be prepared to stand for God

by Rev. Tony Dye
Westside Baptist Church

STAND!

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph. 6:13)

There once was a professor of philosophy who was a deeply committed atheist. His primary goal for one required class was to spend the entire semester attempting to prove that God did not exist. He had done this for 20 years and had never had the courage to challenge in his major.

For three months that semester, he would say to his class, "If there is still someone here who still believes in God, stand up!" In 20 years, no one had ever stood up.

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can't do it."

Every year he would drop the chalk onto the tile floor of the classroom and it would shatter. The students would do the same and stare in amazement. While most of the students were convinced that God didn't exist, the few Christians in the class were too afraid to stand up.

One day a freshman, who was also a believer, was enrolled in the class of this atheist professor. The young man had heard of the professor's antics and was fearful because he had to have the courage to graduate in his major.

He prayed every morning that he would have the courage to stand up.

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SPORTS

Views from THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

On the front page of this newspaper last week was a picture of some Elba City School officials accepting a \$2,500 check from Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor to be used for the random drug testing of student-athletes at Elba High School. The grant was the 14th awarded to school systems around the state, and in the article it is noted that the United States Supreme Court upheld student-athletes drug testing in 1995, based upon the premise that high school students voluntarily subject themselves to a higher level of scrutiny through their athletic involvement than do other students, and are typically regarded as "role models." I have no argument with random drug testing at school or in the workplace; however, I do believe that it is high time that some one called a short "Time-Out" and quit making rules that affect only the student-athletes.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association last year passed a "no pass, no play" rule for student-athletes. I agree that if a student can't make passing grades he or she should not be allowed to participate; however, why not adopt the same rule for band members, club members and any other students that would like to participate in any extra-curricular activity. It takes band members just as much out-of-school time to perfect their halftime show as it does the football team to get ready for a game, and the band also goes to marching contests that could also curtail study time over the weekends. I'm not anti-band. The point I am trying to get across is that it is simply not fair for a student with poor grades to be able to participate in some school activities, but not athletics. What is the difference? Make it a blanket policy and treat all the students fair, but equal!

I also believe that it is a blatant case of discrimination for the Supreme Court to dictate that student-athletes can be singled out for random drug testing. If student-athletes are to be tested, why not make an even greater commitment about drug use by testing the entire student body. Some officials would get a much better view of how great a drug problem might exist if a random testing of the entire student body would take place. If not, then pick a percentage and do a random test on student-athletes, band members, club members, the entire student body, and prove your point by even including the faculty. The days of student-athletes being role models has long since vanished at the high school and college level. Students make a personal sacrifice to take part in athletics, and then have to be held at a higher level than their fellow classmates in academics, and now must prove their so-called "superiority" through random drug testing. It is true that many people think there is a serious drug problem in athletics at all levels, but while you can sit down and read about two or three student-athletes at Auburn University being involved in drugs, you can't find anything on the sports page about the 200+ student-athletes at the school that work hard to make a grade and compete at the highest possible level.

One night last week at one of the parks I heard a student-athlete from Elba High use a slogan for a marijuana cigarette, and while I was surprised that the students knew the term, I bethink he didn't learn the term in the football field or the basketball court. He could have just as easily learned the word in the halls or classrooms at Elba High. C'mon, let's all admit that there is a serious drug problem involving our youth all over the nation and make an effort to do something about it. Thinking it will help the problem even a little by the random drug testing of student-athletes is wishful thinking - wishing that the student-athletes that continue to participate in sports will test negative, and wishing that when they do that the school officials across the state can deny there is a problem on their campus.

To declare that any student-athlete that fails to pass the test will be arrested within 21 days also makes sense. Why not state that any student that fails the test will be barred from attending school until undergoing rehabilitation. Please, let's not make rules that reflect only the good and at the same time don't make rules that reflect only the bad. Everyone makes mistakes, but it takes an even greater person to admit those mistakes and seek help. I urge all school officials across the state and the nation not to fumble the ball on this very important matter. They may not get another chance to score a touchdown for their schools.

Tigers to host Samson in spring football jamboree

The Elba Tigers will give their football fans an early preview on Friday night, May 8, when they host the Samson Tigers in a spring football jamboree.

The game will be played at Elba's Tiger Stadium at 7:00 PM, with a barbecue to be held that night beginning at 5:30 at the Elba High School Cafeteria. All proceeds from the game and the barbecue will go to the Elba Tiger athletic department.

"We will enter the game with the attitude of winning," said Elba's Coach David Lowery, "at the same time we realize the importance of getting playing time for all the players so we can look back and evaluate them before the start of fall drills. When the lights come on the players will want to come and play hard, and we just hope we can show some improvement since the beginning of spring training and make a

big step toward being ready when the fall drills start in August."

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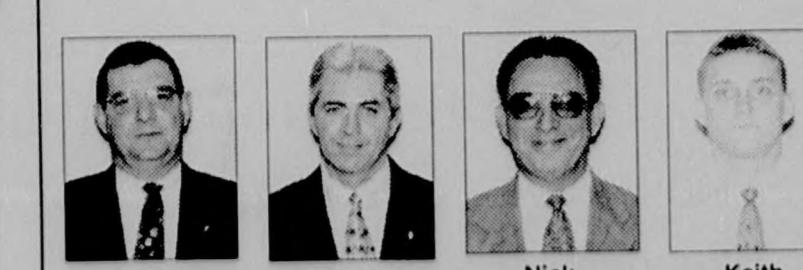
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Coach-pitch league opens season

The Coach-Pitch Baseball League opened its season last week and the teams were more than ready to swing their bats as rains were scored in bunches.

The Giants pulled ahead early and held on to down the Cubs 20-1. Devin Jackson, Demetrio Tyson, Donnell Tillis, Desmond Williams, Austin Parish and Richard Cooks all scored two runs for the Giants, while Aaron Harrelson scored 3 runs for the Cubs and Blake added 3.

The Reds scored runs in bunches as they outscored the Rays 26-14. Trey Belcher, Justin Pike, Don Rhodes, Graham Morrow and Christopher all scored 3 runs for the Reds, while Caleb Davis, Trey Martin and Matthews all scored twice. Caleb, Matthew, Ray and Will all scored 3 runs for the Rays.

The Giants pulled ahead late and held on to edge the Reds 22-14. Ashley Sanders, Demetrio Tyson and Richard Cooks all scored 3 runs to lead the Giants, while Zachary Stephens, Devin Jackson, Demetrio Williams, Michael Jackson and Austin Parrish all scored twice. Justin Pike, Matthew Gibson, Don Rhodes and Trey Martin all scored 2 runs for the Reds.

The Indians rallied late to outscore the Cubs 28-23. J. Knight, K. Purvis, H. Smith, T. Knight, D. Kelley all scored 3 runs for the Indians, while B. Johnson, W. Foster, S. Griswold and C. Martin all scored twice. Blake Qualls, J. Maddox and Jason Williams all scored 3 runs for the Cubs, while Judd Williamson, Aaron Harrelson, Sam Williams, Jonathan Maddox and Jordan McBride all scored twice.

The Indians posted an exciting 24-15 win over the Rays. J. Roberts, K. Purvis, B. Johnson, J. Harris and Cardinals, Dodgers post wins

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Anna Head,
Editor

Elizabeth
Strong,
Assistant Editor

Graham Morrow
Morrow wins
poster contest

by: Amanda Campbell

State-level contest judges were drawn from the Alabama Department of Public Health staff in the Divisions of Injury Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Community Design. Graham Morrow placed 2nd on the state level. All winning entries will be collected and put into a coloring book. Congratulations Graham!

**Top 10 essays
selected for AEC**

by: Lee English

The Alabama Electric Cooperatives (AEC) sponsors a research paper writing tournament each year. Every junior wrote a paper and tried to get it to Mrs. Padgett. She selected ten of the papers that she thought were the best. The top 10 were: Emily Bales, Emily Bales, Emily Carlile, Daniel Mardock, Jason Maddox, Anna Maddox, Daniel Ward, Elizabeth Stephens, Diana Jackson and Lee English. The top ten were scheduled to visit the AEC plant in Andalusia the week of the flood, but of course, it had to be canceled. The group hopes the visit will be rescheduled soon.

**FFA attends
career day**

The Elba FFA participated in the County FFA Career Development Day at New Brockton on Tuesday, March 24. The Elba FFA was well represented with 25 members participating in the events. The events participated in were Profitability, Livestock, Public Speaking, and Tractor Driving. The Elba Chapter placed 3rd in the Profitability, Livestock, and Public Speaking; 2nd in Livestock; and Hunter Hargrove placed 1st in Tractor Driving. Hunter will travel to Troy to represent Coffee County in the Tractor Driving Event. The Career Development Events are an important part of Agriscience Technology Education. They give the students an avenue for showing the skills they learn in the classroom and lab.

**Group tours
WSFA studio**

by: Marsha Mauldin

On April 17, the Elba High School Journalism staff traveled to Montgomery to visit the WSFA studios. After a brief discussion with Mr. Bob Howell, he took us to the offices of the news anchors, reporters, weathermen, and editors. There we met Beth Jett, Rich Thomas, and Ken Smith. Mr. Howell showed us the editing booth and then took us, in groups to the master production room. He showed us another set used for things like cooking shows and larger events. We then went back to the main set to watch "Live at Five" and the "Six O'clock Report." We taped an introduction to "Today in Alabama," which aired Tuesday, April 21.

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(334) 897-5016**

2. Applications will be accepted through Thursday, May 14, 1998, 12:00 noon.

3. Initial screening will be conducted by the principal.

4. Interviews for selected applicants will be conducted by the principal and/or superintendent.

5. The superintendent will make recommendations to the Board for action.

6. All applicants interviewed will receive written notification of action taken regarding the vacancy applied for.

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Council

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bringing the total to approximately \$22,000 to be used toward making these repairs.

Lee informed members of the council that the deadline for applying for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant for the walking trail had been missed.

He also informed the council that after reviewing the plans for additional improvements to the town's sewer, it was decided that it was not feasible at this time to make application for a grant. This will be

reviewed again at a later date.

A financial report for the first six months shows the town to be in "fairly good shape."

"We'll still have to watch our funds but we are in good enough shape that I think we can make it last year without any problems unless we have some unforeseeable problem," said Lee.

Payment of the monthly bills totaling \$20,570.52 was approved by the council.

The next New Brockton Town Council meeting will be held on June 1, 1998.

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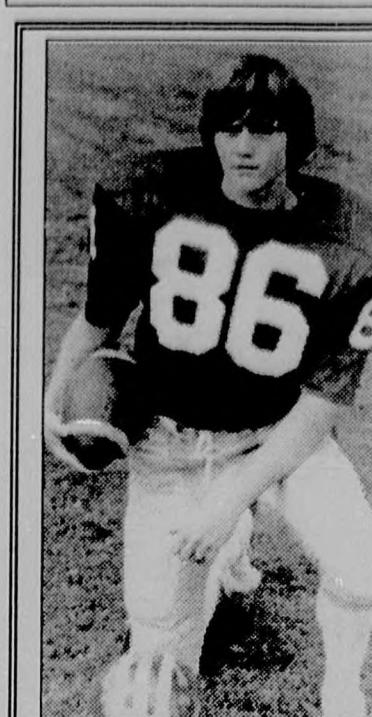
**Kelleys have
new daughter**

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Kelley of Elba announce the birth of a daughter, Madelyn Brooke, on April 25, 1998, at Flowers Hospital.

The new arrival weighed 7 lbs, 11 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by twin brothers, Jaron and Connor, age 4.

Grandparents are Steve and Hazel Patton of Enterprise, and Everett and Irene Kelley of Elba.

Mother and daughter are home and doing fine - as are proud grandparents!



In this birthday greeting
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County reverses library decision

Cross Trails Regional Library won't get money from county

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission reversed action taken in a previous meeting concerning Cross Trails Library Service.

Bottom line, local libraries and county commissioners do not want state-allocated funds leaving the county.

In Monday's meeting of the commission, the longest discussion took place on an item that was not even on the meeting agenda.

Commission Chairman Robert Stephens recognized Oliver Williams, chairman of the Enterprise Public Library Board, who had asked permission to address the commission to see that all of Coffee County receive library service.

Williams expressed concern over the action taken in the last commission meeting.

Williams told at the last meeting by representatives from Cross Trails that both public libraries in Elba and Enterprise would no longer be participating in the services provided by Cross Trails.

The commissioners had voted to draft a letter to the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) requesting that Cross Trails Regional Library Service continue receiving the county's portion from APLS.

According to Williams, this action would cost the Enterprise library approximately \$8,000 in services annually. He noted that the library would also suffer a loss if Williams went on to explain to the commission.

Williams went on to explain to the commission.

See COUNTY, Page 10
County gets road grant, Enterprise to build park

The State of Alabama, through its Industrial Access Grant Program (IA Grants) has agreed to fund two projects in Coffee County.

The two projects are as follows:

1. \$111,200.00 to resurface Co. Rd.

114 between Co. Rds. 147 and 155, approximately 2.31 miles. This project will be done by the Coffee County Commission:

2.) \$439,000.00 to build a new road in the Yancy Parker Industrial Park in Enterprise. This project will be done by the City of Enterprise.

These two projects will have a very positive impact on the availability of jobs," said Moore.

"Progressive thinking by our county and city leaders made these grants a reality."

members of the commission that the Enterprise facility had already had an additional expense of \$8,000 due to the increase in minimum wages, and the City of Enterprise had cut their budgeted appropriation to the library by \$3,000.

He also expressed concern for the Elba library that it was in the process of being rebuilt due to damage caused by the March flooding and could not afford to lose any funding either.

Williams expressed his belief that the Enterprise library and the Elba library could meet the needs of all Coffee County with the exception of the books-by-mail service provided by Cross Trails.

He commented that according to his findings, this service was being provided to 125 individuals in the county. He stated that he felt the \$1,000 donated to Cross Trails by the county was adequate to pay for this service.

"What I'm asking this morning is that this decision that y'all have made be rescinded," said Williams.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks

Ms. Peggy Samuels, librarian of the Enterprise Public Library, told commissioners that the funds allocated from the APLS is \$1.18 per capita based on the county's population.

Previously, these state aide funds allocated by the legislature and administered by the APLS have been divided among the Elba and Enterprise libraries and Cross Trail Region Library Service.

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Terrence Watford of Elba died Friday night when his Ford pickup collided with the GMC pickup shown below

Man dies in Friday wreck

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

A head-on collision between two pickup trucks near Elba took the life of a man and seriously injured two others.

The crash occurred Friday night approximately one mile east of Elba's city limits on U.S. Highway 84.

An old model Ford pickup driven by Terrence F. Watford, 34, of Route 4, Box 129-6, Elba, appeared to have been on the wrong side of the road when it struck a 1992 GMC pickup driven by Felix A. Thompson, of Enterprise.

Tracey Robinson, 32, of Elba, was a passenger in the GMC pickup. She and Thompson were both transported to Elba General Hospital by units from Coffee County EMS and New Brockton Rescue Squad.

Watford was pronounced dead at the scene at 12:10 a.m. by Coffee County Coroner Marvin McIlwain. Reportedly, he was not wearing a seat belt.

Coroner McIlwain listed the preliminary cause of death multiple blunt force trauma. Watford's body was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science Lab in Tuscaloosa.

Both Thompson and Robinson were transferred from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital for further treatment of their injuries.

The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers Willie White and David McGowan.

The District Attorney's Office and the Elba Police Department assisted the troopers in the investigation.



Felix A. Thompson and Tracey Robinson were injured in this vehicle

gation

No charges have been filed in connection with the incident and it remains under investigation.

Fire and rescue units from Elba and New Brockton also responded to the scene and assisted in removing the victims from the vehicles.

Earlier in the day Friday at 1:16 p.m., there was a three-car crash in downtown New Brockton.

Hill has since been arrested (Tuesday, May 12) and charged with DUI in connection to Friday's accident.

The investigation by the New Brockton Police Department is continuing.

In another vehicle-crash last

See WRECKS, Page 14

City's insurance claims top \$600,000

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard an update Monday night on the amount of flood insurance which has been received to settle March 8th flood damage claims. Sixty city-owned buildings. These insurance funds do not include the monies paid to the city by FEMA for damages to roads, sewers and some equipment lost to the high waters. Neither does it include any emergency work done by the Corp of Engineers immediately after the flood. Another huge item of financial help to the City of Elba has been State of Alabama funds given by various state agencies, after approval by Gov. Bob James. Those have all been reported previously.

*The total of \$609,634.40 is a fair amount for this incident, according to Mayor James. He said they were still considering appealing the contacts award on the library. The estimated replacement

See INSURANCE, Page 14

Bid OK'd for roof at station

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council on Monday night accepted the low bid to reroof the downtown Elba police department building. Mayor James Grimes showed several members photographs made atop the building showing the deplorable condition of the roof. The council approved the new roof at a price of \$10,915 and expect work to be completed within the next three weeks.

The council also unanimously granted a special tax abatement status to a \$2 million expansion planned at Kelley Foods. The action was taken at the request of the Elba Industrial Board and applies to non-school property and sales to Council members were to be 100% tax-free. The action would play a large part in the Industrial Board's ability to sell the expansion bonds at an attractive price.

Area Happenings

MISS ELBA PAGEANTS The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Future Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba, and Miss Elba Pageants. The Future Miss and Little Miss Pageants will be held Friday, May 15, 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium. The Junior Miss and Miss Elba Pageants will be held Saturday, May 16, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elba High School. Admission: Adults - \$4 & Students - \$3.

FLAG DISPOSAL The 35th District of the American Legion will be conducting a Flag Disposal Ceremony on June 2, 1998, at the American Legion Post in Samson, AL. This ceremony is available to all posts within the district and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered U.S. Flags for proper disposal. Anyone

having an unserviceable U.S. Flag and wishes to have it disposed of properly should contact any American Legion member in their area or call Veterans Service Officer Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flag(s) by the office in the County Complex located in New Brockton by Friday, May 29, 1998.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY The Elba Youth Training Center will hold its Fourth Annual Field Day on Saturday, May 23, 1998, at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RETIRING TEACHERS MEET The Association of Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet on Tuesday, May 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Ryan's Steak House in Enterprise. The program will be memorials and installation of new officers.



LIBRARY DONATION Pictured above is Elba Mayor James E. Grimes taking a presentation to Elba Librarian Doris Cooper (right) and Elba Library Board Member Charlotte Clark (left) a check for \$3,000.00. Mayor Grimes made the donation on behalf of the Judith B. (Brunson) Bullock family trust.

